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A Profile In Courage

A woman looked to her husband and found he was dead. Two children asked for their daddy and were told he was no more. A nation and a world searched for their leader and searched in vain. And the people—the people sought their President and wept because an assassin's bullet had taken him from them.

Our late and beloved President has been termed a martyr and rightly so. For this man, struck down by death under the bright Texas sky of November 22, was, at the same time, both captive and personification of those high Christian ideals he displayed in the discharge of his elected office. He brought to the Presidency the vigor of youth, the vision of an exalted concept of the American way of life that was peculiarly his and the hopes of his countrymen who had placed him in his high position of public trust. And he carried this self same vigor, concept, and hope along with him into the motorcade that brought him to his untimely death.

"Now he belongs to the ages" and to the people who loved him and the God Who created him. The memory of such a great man can never be obliterated, but neither can the tears of one hundred and eighty million bring him back to his country. Only one resource is left, prayer—prayer for our departed President, his bereaved family, our stricken country.

The bell that tolled in Dallas on that fateful Friday in November tolled for each one of us. A piece of America died with him and is buried in an Arlington Cemetery grave. But it is now time for all America to turn away from the past and look forward with courage to the future. In his own words "let us finish what we have started. For as the Scripture says, no man who puts his hands to the plow and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God." This is how John Fitzgerald Kennedy would have wanted it.

United States And World Mourn Assassination Of Pres. Kennedy

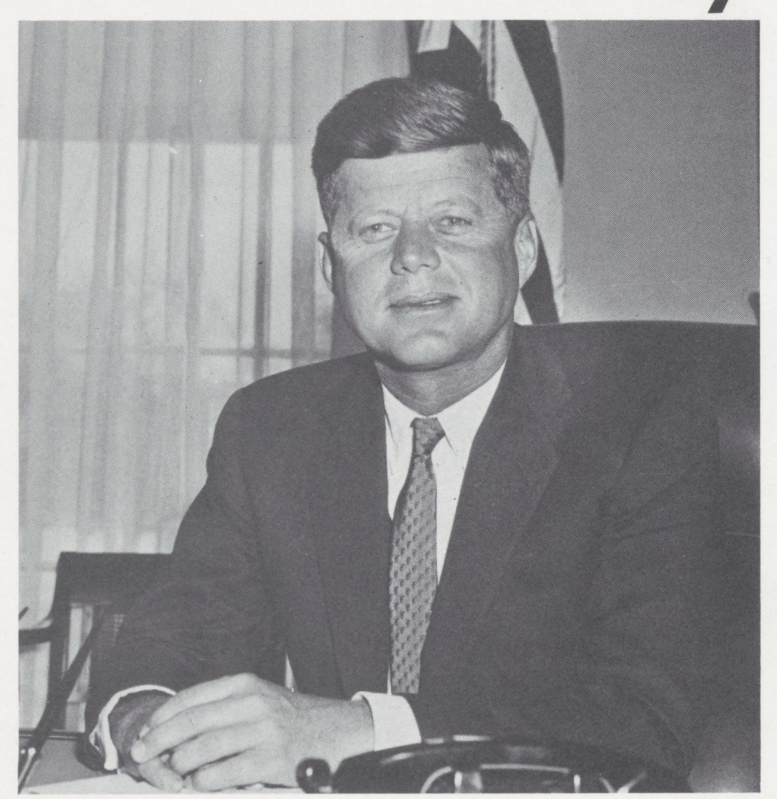
John F. Kennedy, the thirty fifth President of the United States was shot and killed by an assassin as he rode in a motorcade through the streets of Dallas, Texas, November 22, 1963.

Also injured in the shooting, although not fatally, was John B. Connally Jr., Governor of Texas. Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy and Mrs. Connally, were riding in the car in which the President was shot.

Succeeding the late President, Lyndon B. Johnson, former Vice-President, was officially sworn in November 22, as the thirty-sixth President of the United States.

News of the President's condition was announced to the faculty and student body of Bishop McDonnell by Father Fitzpatrick over the public address system during the seventh period. Father asked all to join in a short prayer for Mr. Kennedy. During the last period, word was broadcast that the President had died in Parkland Hospital.

Reaction in Bishop McDonnell's to the death of President Kennedy was swift. Memorialites and teachers alike joined their countrymen in grief and prayer for their beloved President. In accordance with President Johnson's declaration for Monday as a day of mourning, school was closed November 25 so that all might have an opportunity to take part in memorial services for John F. Kennedy. November 26, a requiem Mass for President Kennedy was offered by Father Fitzpatrick in the school auditorium.



President John F. Kennedy

School Welcomes Two Papers Presented By Language Clubs

Il Quartiere Italiano

"Il circolo de Danti" has successfully published the first edition of its newspaper to be issued quarterly to the Italian classes.

"The main purpose of this newspaper," says Madeline Marrano, the editor-in-chief, "is to pay tribute to the great Italian language."

"Il quartiere Italiano," Marianne Mancini, layout editor, remarked, "is an achievement credited to Sister Mary Claudia and D13-207."

The girls who study the Romance languages are encouraged to pick up a copy for their enjoyment and understanding.

Echos de France

"Echos de France," the French Club newspaper, is the achievement of the French group and its moderators.

Pat Cuffe said that "the French paper is an excellent form of expression."

"The paper," said Lois Matejka, "gives us an opportunity to use the language."

'63 Crusade Drive Ends; Previous Goals Surpassed



(l to r) J. Fay, C. Maimone, A. Biello, A. Bertuglia, J. Gill

The 1963 Crusade Mission Drive, which commenced October 9th, surpassed its goal with donations amounting to \$12,124.40, by the end of the drive, November 15.

Eager, mission-minded students marked the earliest days of the Drive with repetition of their Crusade motto for 1963: "The world is our mission." With such incentive, the Drive moved rapidly on, stimulating Memorialites to unprecedented fund-raising campaigns.

Outstanding was the sale of over 600 cartons of candy. Enthusiastic Crusaders dispensed Christmas articles to friends and relatives; raffles were held among the students themselves. Moreover, appearing as "firsts" in the history of the Mission Drive were the Crusade sponsored beauty-salon, shoe shine stand, and the hootenanny.

In the final moments of the Drive it became apparent that Senior classes once again captured the highest honors for their contributions. The students of D3-315 ranked first in the school, netting a total of \$931.70. Second and third honors were awarded to D1-208 and D9-303

whose returns amounted to \$729.08 and \$669.52 respectively. Next in the list of honors came C11-309 with \$445.00 and C4-305 with \$431.44.

This year Sister Teresa Baptist announced an increase in the amount required of a Banner Class. Despite stiffened requirements, however, twenty-one classes attained this distinction. Besides the five top ranking classes, were included: 101, 104, 107, 108, 110, 112, 204, 205, 206, 213, 306, 310, 311, 313, 317, and H.R.

FLASH

Bishop's has announced its decision to send representatives to the NBC's "It's Academic," a television program designed to bring high school students together in competition. The school's panel will consist of three representatives, including Christine Spejkenowski D5-H.R., Helena Pycior D5-H.R., and Veronica McDonald D1-208. The date of the appearance has not been set yet.

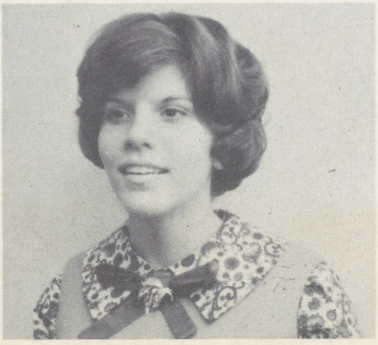
Tribune Sponsors Forum; Senior Scores A Success

October 31 of this year, the Herald Tribune sponsored a World Youth Forum. Among those on the panel was Georgeanne Teutschman D16D-309 representing Bishop's. The topic discussed was "What Is the Major Need of the United States in the Years Ahead?"

In competition with more than six schools Georgeanne was chosen as semi-finalist.

As semi-finalist she has won an optional seven week trip to Europe during which time she would visit Italy, Germany, France, and England.

During the course of the forum, Georgeanne will meet representatives from forty other countries. In March she will spend a weekend with the other semi-finalists at the Herald Tribune Fresh Air Camp.



Georgeanne Teutschman

Club Donates Time And Talent; Students Spread Yuletide Spirit

Jolly old Saint Nicholas will find a few less stockings to fill this season due to the endeavors of the Mater Dei Club. Young boys and girls will be able to partake of the Christmas custom of gift giving through arrangements prepared by the "Club With a Heart."

During the days prior to Christmas, these girls will pack Christmas baskets and stockings which will be distributed to the poor through the Red Cross. Santa's little helpers will also visit St. Joseph Hall and Mercy Convent to give a Christmas party for the small children.

"There is nothing more rewarding than to see the girls' tears of happiness upon receiving a small gift at the Convent of the Good Shepherd," relates Irene Hunter.

All this is nothing new to the Homemaking Club. Down through the years, the time and talents of these girls were used in doing things to help others.

Girls Choose Prom Locale

An expected 500 Bishop's seniors will literally "dance the night away" at the Senior Prom in the Waldorf Astoria's Grand Ball Room June 5. The music for the Prom will be conducted by Joe Carroll's Orchestra from 9 P.M. to 1 A.M. Prior to this year, the June Prom had been held at the Hotel St. George.

Anne Juliano, a member of the Student Senate started the "ball" rolling at one of the first meetings of the Student Senate to have a change of scenery for the Prom. Each of the senior presidents brought the idea back to her home-room. After acquiring a resounding note of confidence, Marie Celo Cruz, presented the suggestion to Sister Catherine Bernadette.

As Angels Watched

"And she brought forth her firstborn Son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger: because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:7)

A roughly made stable was His palace. His throne was a rude manger, His royal garments, swaddling clothes. "Thou has said it, I am a King."

Were other kings brought into the world in this manner? Could not the Son of God select a more fitting place for His birth? Why did He make His presence known to a group of lowly shepherds first? After the star appeared, why did the Magi search for the Hebrew Messiah?

We know of God's love and preference for the humble and lowly. An unknown Jewish maiden became His mother and an obscure town, His birthplace. Jesus Christ, our Savior, came into this world cold and hungry with only Mary and Joseph to comfort Him.

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will." (Luke 2:14) Spiritually armed by the words of the angels, the shepherds hastened to Bethlehem. Adoring and praising God, they left, to act as heralds of the good news.

"... we have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him." (Matt. 2:2) Who were these pagans to ask of the birth of the Kings of the Jews? Certainly, if He had come, would not we have heard of it? These and other questions troubled the minds of the chief priests when confronted by the Wise Men.

No, not many took notice that night, of the star of unusual brilliance that shined in the Bethlehem sky. It was left to the shepherds and Magi to follow after the star, to discover Christ in their own hearts. Is this not always the way?

A Dedication

The Laurel Staff wishes to dedicate this last issue of 1963 to the memory of our thirty-fifth President, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, whose vibrant spirit and devotion, projected in his campaign for a New Frontier, have left an indelible mark on the millions of high school students across the nation, and, to his widow, Jacqueline Kennedy, whose outstanding display of courage and valor in a time of immeasurable grief exemplified a perfect model of womanhood for us mothers of tomorrow to emulate.

In tribute to the memory of John Fitzgerald Kennedy the students of Bishop McDonnell have established a scholarship fund in his name to be made available to one prospective freshman each year.

Youth On The Go?

"Is American Youth Soft?", "The Tense Generation"—articles dealing with the problem of teenagers can be found in every magazine of national prominence. But are the majority of today's youth really lazy, irresponsible people that these articles make us out to be?

In this atom-bomb conscious apprehension world we have grown up in great pressure has been applied on teenagers to "make something of themselves." And youth has replied with an awakened interest in such timely subjects as math and science and an increased awareness of the world in which they live.

But to many adults, this is not enough. Today's teenager must be top athlete, honor student, group leader, social adjustor—a perfected automaton whose main goal is to gain a berth in a top college. To achieve this, teenagers often put in a twelve hour day at the same time that their father's labor union is working for a thirty-two hour week.

Where is the fairness? Is it right that we bear the stigma of laziness and irresponsibility just because once in a while the athlete doesn't come through, the honor student receives a B mark, the group leader or social adjustor wants some privacy for a change?

The majority of high school students accept and are grateful for the challenges which the changing world has placed before us. Far from being soft, teenagers consistently try to live up to the high standards placed before them. But there should be some room left in our world, to think, to dream, to make a mistake. And when we make this time in our busy lives, we are called "soft". Sometimes it seems unfair.

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Nation Hails Folk Music's Revival; Hillbilly Responsible For Enthusiasm

by Mariann Mancini

A few years ago a North Carolinian with a flat, coarse, aloof, and unsentimental voice sang a song called "Tom Dula" for a visiting scholar of folk music, without realizing it, this hillbilly, Frank Proffitt, set off the spark which has become the fire of enthusiasm for folk singing, for Proffitt's unknown "Tom Dula" was picked up by the Kingston Trio and recorded as "Tom Dooley", which sold over 2.6 million copies.

Although Frank Proffitt pocketed no monetary rewards as a result of the success of his song, he was indirectly responsible for the present folk boom in popular music.

Folk Music Nothing New

Despite this boom, however, folk music is nothing new to the American scene. Folk music in America is as old as the country itself, since this type of music is essentially the story of the growing pains of our nation. In such melodies as "The Red River Valley", "The Streets of Laredo", "Kansas Boys", "The Lone Star Trail", and "Old Ironsides", the map literally sings out with the emotions, pleasures, labors, and struggles of a young country striving to become a great nation.

Why a Revival?

Why then, if folk singing was always present, in the United States this sudden revival of interest in this type of music? The one reason, which for some is the hardest to accept, is the fact that the Rock 'n Roll music which was prophesized never to die has gone the way of the marathon dances and the hula hoop.

Public tires of "Rock 'n Roll".

The contemporary music heard on the radio no longer possesses the rhythm and sound of the rock and roll greats such as Bill Haley and his Comets or Elvis Presley. Today's so called "rock" is characterized by the one quality of nothingness. The listening and purchasing public is tired of hearing about the return of a boyfriend or the way to dance like a monkey; instead they want to hear the truth and that's just what they are getting in the good folk music of the day, evidenced by such songs as "This Land Is Your Land", "The Merry Minuet" and "Blowing In The Wind".

The Blessing of Christmas

An angel brought the message from God
To a Virgin full of grace
The fair one answered with a nod
And saved the human race.

The humble maiden knelt in prayer
And said "Thy Will be done."
Thus her Son would be born to bear
The world—and bring all to One.

Slowly, silently the days passed on
Until in a manger they did stay
As the blessed angels smiled upon
Her Son—the benediction of Christmas Day.

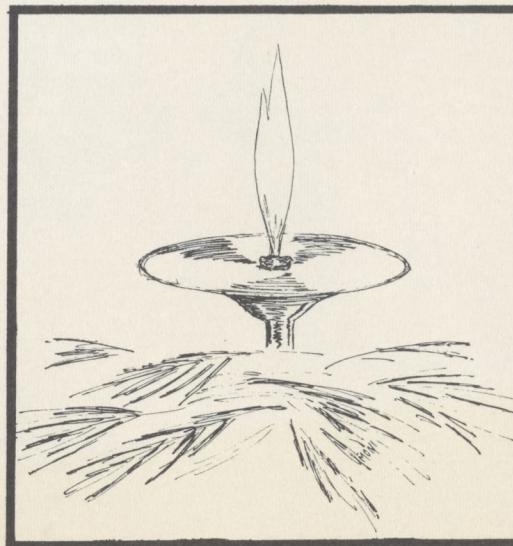
Michelle Barry
D5-H.R.

"There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
This one came for a witness, to testify concerning the light..."

Kennedy's Death Brings To Mind Pre-Revolutionary Times Of Trial

"We are living now, in trying times," so wrote Thomas Paine in his pamphlet *Common Sense*, during the cold winter of the Revolutionary War 1777-78. How realistically can this phrase be applied today 1963-64 as the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy is slowly being absorbed by the people of

the world. What thoughts could probably be permeating our minds? Teenagers are suddenly thrown out of their bed of roses and confronted with this nightmare straight from the hidden pages of the history books. It can't really be true! This is the mid 20th century, an age of space, exploration, atomic experimentation, a second industrial revolution and automation. It is not an age of assassinations, something seen and heard only in movies and on television. What is the cause—why did it happen? Was it God's Will—permissible or His predestined Will? Were the people of the world steadily losing track of who they are—what they are—and why they are? But why the loss of this man who had so much to give. Ours is not to question why, ours but to do or die. "Lord, save us, we perish!"



Fidelis in Vive et Morte

Dignity is what she wore.
Heartache was the hurt she bore.
Midst a nation grieved and teared,
Jacqueline with courage appeared.

As he slumped into her lap
Her spirit, crushed with shock was sapped.
And through the ordeal, for her a terror
She exhibited courage, unusual for this era.

A mother with a child in each hand,
Helped her children to understand.
A lady majestic in her way,
Will in America's mind forever stay.

A loving wife in vive et morte
Leaving a kiss and a ring did go away,
But only in body, for her spirit remained,
With the man, who a place in heaven then claimed.

Janet Fay,
C4-305

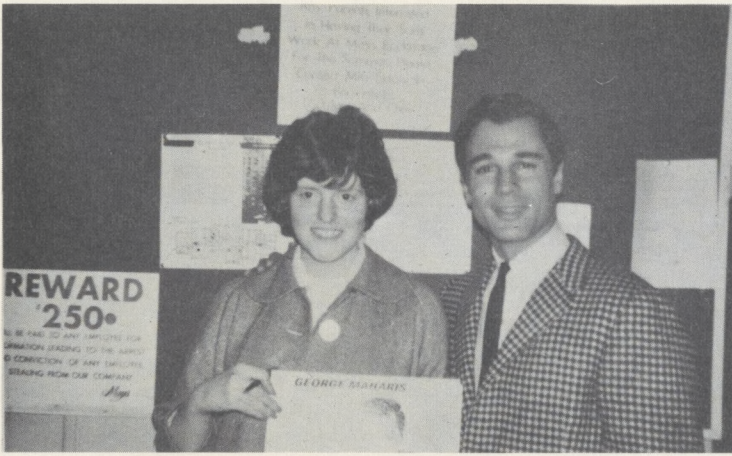
A Priceless Achievement

In his heart he held the key,
To freedom for life, Democracy.
He lived a life of dedication,
To America, the greatest nation.

Here was a man who fought tirelessly
To bring American unity.
All his efforts were not in vain
For by his death, unity was sustained.

This man, John F. Kennedy now rests in
eternal slumber,
His people grieve his death in number.
And so in death he has achieved,
A nation now as one, in unity but grieved.

Janet Fay,
C4-305



Mary Ann Penachio talks with George Maharis.

George Maharis Reveals All!! His Personal Quirks Discussed

by Maryann Penachio
D10-202

October 24, 1963, as President of George Maharis' New York Fan Clubs, I was on my way to the office of his manager, Mimi Weber. The purpose of my visit was to ask George Maharis would he be available for a personal appearance at our school for the Crusade Drive. Upon arrival I learned there was a surprise for me. As I walked into the office, I found myself face to face with the surprise—George Maharis, himself.

Although I had met and corresponded with George Maharis, it was still a shock. After he took my jacket and books, I sat down opposite him. I told him the reason for my visit, and he regretfully informed me that he would be leaving the following week to start filming "The Satan Bug" in Palm Springs. My disappointment, however, was greatly lessened by the interview I received.

"What do you like about Broadway?" I asked him.

"I can't resist those penny arcades on Broadway. I enjoy the off-Broadway plays more than the big name-getters."

"I love: to help people, to laugh, cold, ice, and snow, going to inexpensive places, apples, space, black, animals—especially horses—speed, music, night, vivid colors, and strength."

"I hate: many things—small rooms, attachment to things, conformity—it's a coffin, heavy make-up on women, and hair spray, heat, cooked food, and plastic."

"I fear—conquering fear itself, making wrong decisions, heights."

"I laugh at people's idiosyncrasies, at children, at simple things, and situation comedy."

"I forget—a lot, little things, names, (he remembered mine!!) numbers, where I put things."

"I'm lazy—Who—me?"

Talks Delivered On Marital Life

A series of Pre-Cana conferences, arranged by Sister Isabel of the Guidance Department, were conducted for Seniors from both Bishop McDonnell's and Prospect Heights High Schools, each Wednesday after school.

The speaker at each conference gave a different viewpoint on marriage, so that the girls were able to get a picture of married life from all possible facets. The first and last conferences were conducted by Reverend Charles Cushing, Spiritual Director of the Newman Apostolate of Queens College. November 21, Doctor Richard Calame spoke and the following Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Donahue, a married couple were the guests.

The Conferences were divided into two main parts with a fifteen minute intermission. During the first 45 minutes, guest speakers presented the side of marriage with which they are best acquainted. Then during the intermission questions pertinent to the talk were submitted. These were answered in the second part of the talk.

Greetings

The "Laurel" staff wishes to extend its sincerest and heartiest "Season's Greetings for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. May all the joys and blessings of this holy season be yours.

Resolve Now For January

Now that the New Year is right around the corner, thoughts turn to compiling a list of resolutions for a brand new year. Many girls, however, are reluctant to begin making up a list of promises because when it comes to evaluate how the resolutions of the past year held up they are often surprised to see that they have failed to keep most of them.

Resolution Suggested

For the girls who find themselves in this predicament, here is the perfect resolution "I resolve to be more secure."

"Is she kidding?" you scoff. "How can one be secure in a world of bombs, books, and boys?"

Believe it or not it is possible and you can make it probable if you just go along with the idea of the popular comic strip character, Linus, who believes that security is a "thumb and a blanket."

Positive Approach

All you have to do is put yourself in Linus' place and decide what is your definition of security. It might be a date for the Senior Prom or the Junior Dance or an A plus on an English composition. Whatever your definition is, it will be easier to fulfill your resolutions with an optimistic outlook such as "I am going to get a date for the Senior Prom" than mournfully groaning "I must go on a diet." Fundamentally these statements are the same, the only difference being that Linus' philosophy of life will help to make 1964 a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Decorations, Parties Help Foster The Holiday Spirit

Christmas—the word itself brings to mind gay decorations, holiday parties, new look in clothing. Everyone, to some extent, finds himself caught up in the spirit of Christmas but that "holiday" feeling can be made more personally your own by actually preparing for the season.

Besides the usual household ornaments, consider these possibilities: popcorn strings, lollipops, candy canes, angels, Santa Claus, reindeer, toys, dolls, fruits, nuts, cones, small evergreen branches, and candles. They may be used either to highlight the tree, as seasonal centerpieces, or mantle decorations. Work mostly with strong clear colors and develop contrasts. The traditional green and red is more effective when brought into harmony by addition of light-catching white.

First in importance in a Catholic home is a creche, centrally placed where all eyes will be drawn to it. The holidays will seem more joyous when the spirit of the Christ Child pervades the house.

A party is always in keeping with the joy of Yuletide but a new approach is welcome. This year, try a "putting up the tree or taking it down" party. Have all the guests bring some construction paper or silver foil and leave the decorations to their imagination.

For your personal appearance, try jingle bells suspended from shoes for a novel approach to the season. Wearing a small but colorful corsage also helps to put you in a cheerful Christmas spirit.

Laurel Cited For Award; Score Of 3,465 Achieved

The Laurel Staff has been notified by the National Scholastic Press Association that for the year ending June 1963, the "Laurel" received First Honors for its publication. The rating excellent was given to news stories, style, copy-reading, features, format and headlines.

Out of a possible 3,500 points necessary for the rating of Medalist, the Laurel received 3,465, just 35 points short of the highest rating.



Donna Wooton practices one of the cheers for St. Augustine

Lancers Select Girls As '64 Cheerleaders

Ten lucky seniors now have the opportunity of attending every St. Augustine's game both Varsity and Junior Varsity. Their good fortune is due to the fact that they are the 1964 cheerleaders for St. Augustine's team, The Lancers. This is the first time that Bishop's girls, and only Bishop's girls, will have this honor. All wish the St. Augustine varsity five and their cheerleaders success in the upcoming season.

Along with the seniors, fifty other girls have been chosen to act as boosters and will cheer from the sidelines. The first game of this year was played at Madison Square Garden on December 7. Captain Donna Wooton and co-captain Rosemary Colgan both hope that in the future Memorialites will try to attend the other St. Augustine games which are scheduled every other week.

Christmas Belles

"It is better to give than to receive"; no one knows this better than Frances McGill, D9-303, who in the spirit of giving has been a candy striper for the past two summers at Mary Immaculate Hospital. After graduation, Frances plans to attend St. Vincent's School of Nursing and increase her knowledge of helping those in need.

Frances is an active participant in the Blessed Virgin Sodality of St. Gerard Parish where she and her family reside. She participates in many extra-curricular activities. These include Spanish Club, Career Club, and Crusade.

Whenever Frances has leisure time she spends it reading, sewing, or corresponding with her Japanese pen pal.



Francis McGill

One of the busiest girls on Bishop's list of Seniors is Joan Daley from D16d-112. As an active member of Prop, Ushers, Student Council, and Bowling Club, Joan can very often be seen hurrying to meetings. Her literary talents are utilized as Magic Circle Editor and a writer of the school Christmas play. Joan not only belongs to the Dramatics Club, but is their costume coordinator. In addition to all these school activities, Joan takes an active part in the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality in her parish and finds time for such hobbies as writing, ice skating, bowling, and knitting.

Her work as a "Candy Striper" is setting a foundation for her future career in nursing. Following her graduation, Joan wishes to attend Mary Immaculate Hospital School of Nursing. With such a long list of accomplishments, Joan can be quite sure of future success.



Joan Daley

Another senior who keeps in the holiday spirit is Lois Matejka of D12-301. Lois has a double reason for looking forward to the holidays since she was born on New Year's Eve and so rings in the New Year each December 31 with a birthday celebration.

Besides acting as chairman of the Ushers, Lois is the editor of the French newspaper just begun this year by the French Club.

In her home parish, St. Stanislaus Kostka, she is an active member of the Blessed Virgin Sodality. An all-around Memorialite, Lois holds down the post of secretary of the Leo Honor Society. Her spare time is spent reading and bowling.

After high school, Lois hopes to go on to college and major in education. Her aim is to be a teacher and put to good use her love of science and French.



Lois Matejka

Make Christmas Exciting; Just Try Our Suggestions

Will this Christmas vacation find you at home, wasting a perfectly good week? Humbug! Make this a vacation to remember! New York City is a Christmas festival. So enjoy your city.

For a magic Christmas, try carolling in hospitals, orphanages, and old age homes. You don't have to be a Connie Francis to "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly." Just spread a little glow as you "fa, la, la, la, la."

Your Christmas tree doesn't have to look like the one at Rockefeller Plaza, but try stringing popcorn and making the decorations yourself. It's one of those quaint but exciting customs.

For the paradox of the year, bring your little sisters and brothers to see Santa. How innocent those little monsters can look on Kris Kringle's knee! Or take in the magnificent displays while others are hustling and bustling doing last minute Christmas shopping.

For those who are daring "Come up. Come up! Come all the way up! See Con Edison's money making lighting system from the city's highest point, atop the Empire State building."

Many schools and parishes will be holding dances during Christmas week. You might not meet your Don Juan, but Don Jones is having a prom this year. If you like sports, you can go ice-skating in Central Park, even though the mortality rate is quite high there.

No one can set a formula for fun and entertainment. The only requisite is a lively spirit and a happy heart.

In Memoriam

The students and faculty of Bishop McDonnell wish to extend sympathy to Patricia Zarek of D8-205 on the death of her father. We request that you remember him in your prayers.

CALENDAR

- Dec. 17 — Party for the Faculty Keeping late hours again, Sisters?
- Dec. 20- Jan. 2 — Christmas Vacation Don't forget to come back, girls!
- Jan. 11 — College Entrance Boards Naturally, all our Einsteins are prepared.
- Jan. 31 — School Closed — Interterm Recess Make the most of it.
- Feb. 3 — New Term Sigh! Back to the old grind.
- Feb. 12 — Lincoln's Birthday Happy Birthday, Abe
- Feb. 22 — Washington's Birthday Fooled you — it's a Saturday!
- Mar. 4 — Leo Honor Convocation at St. Joseph's College.

African Boy's Story Describes Conditions On "Dark Continent"

Comfortable houses, expensive furniture, and extensive wardrobe are signs of the average American household. We feel happy, contented, pitying anyone who is not as fortunate as we. But consider for a moment a certain boy in Africa, Kanadio G'Napi, an average Ivorian student.

His house, set near the river banks, leaks when the rainy season comes, making life quite uncomfortable. The door, a wooden plank set in sagging walls of mud and wattle, leads us to his room.

One of the more fortunate students, his furniture consists of a table with a small mirror, a chair, and a straw mattress which he shares with another student. A cord, dividing the room in half, holds the few clothes of Kanadio and his roommate. They take special care of these clothes, for here, appearance is the symbol of all value. Not to have European clothes is an outrageous admission of failure.

Electric lights and stoves with their many pots and utensils are unheard of. A single kerosene lamp, one burner, and a small pan constitute the cooking equipment.

For those who complain about not having steak or roast beef

every night, consider yourself rich, no matter what you have. For these boys, rice is the standard meal.

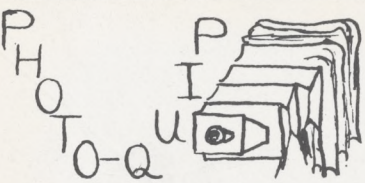
All this may seem repugnant to us, at first, but in time one realizes that these people are happy. Life is short, and they make the most of it. With no wars, no political problems, strikes or crime to fear, their life is simple, joyful.

We certainly would not want to trade places with them, but, even with all our conveniences, I doubt if they would want to change places with us.

Season Echoes Shopping Perils

As the merriment and frolic of the pre-Christmas season approaches, I look forward to it with not unmixed feelings. It's not that I don't like Christmas, it's just what comes before it. My annual foray into the holly-wreathed department stores leaves me shaken well up to New Year's Day.

What to get and who to get it for is only a small part of my problem. Each year, list in hand, I plan my attack and head for the city. My first stop is the toy store from which I emerge with literally mountains of enormous packages. Now off to the department store where I can finish off the rest of the list. It should only take about four and a half hours. By the time I'm through the snow has begun to fall and the ground has grown increasingly slippery. Inevitably the moment comes when I and the sidewalk must part company. Down the avenue I slide, right into the most casual pair of brown loafers and in them stands the most handsome boy alive! I almost die of embarrassment when he bends down and asks me a friendly, "Are you hurt?" Red-faced as I am, I manage to blurt out a simple, "I-I don't think so!" As I stagger up from the pavement and listen to his warm good-bye I soon make up my mind that Christmas shopping isn't so bad after all. Is it?



Question: What was your reaction to the death of Pres. Kennedy?



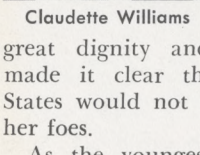
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The date: November 22, 1963, the time 2 o'clock, the place - Dallas, Texas: the assassination of John F. Kennedy. This was the news that shocked millions of Americans.

It was during my History period when we heard the click of the P.A. And then . . . the shocking news . . . our President had been shot while riding in his motorcade through Texas. We cried, but we prayed in hopes of a miracle. At 2:25 the P.A. once again clicked. This time to announce the death of John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

As for myself, my world stood still. History was repeated but never will I forget the tragedy of November 22.

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The most shocking and tragic event for '63 was the death of President John F. Kennedy. In my opinion, he was a man of great dignity and courage. He made it clear that the United States would not back away from her foes.

As the youngest American to have been elected President, he seemed to me to be a man with a compelling purpose. He also proved that a Roman Catholic could be elected President, and that religious worship did not interfere with the government.

To me he will always have a place in people's hearts and a place in history.

Claudette Williams, C9d-319

Honor Roll

A1
Joann Morgaglia 93.1; Carol Murray 90.
A2-201
Cecilia Esposito 93; Marna Santullano 93; Leonora Pavone 90.
A3-206
Susan Soo Hoo 91.
A5-107
Linda Casón 96; Lorraine Radziewicz 95.3; Kathleen Eichberger 95.2; Karen Casey 94.2; Fiorina Albanese 93.5; Halina Dmytruzynski 93.5; Kathleen Walsh 93; Victoria Swanson 93; Mary Lou Russo 92.3; Awilda Muniz 91.8; Rose Terranova 91.8.
A6-310
Veronica Johanson 90.5.
A8-307
Alice Tolan 90.3.

A9-215
Phyllis De Pasquale 90.5.
B1-306
Helen Bayer 95.7; Olympia Nicodemi 95; Gabriella Belli 92.7; Anna Marie Costello 92.2.
B2-204
Sandra Sandvoss 96.3; Patricia Cannarso 95.9; Elizabeth Ramos 95.1; Ann Haglund 94.1; Marie Lombino 93.6; Olga Colella 91.7; Patricia Leonard 91.0; Renaida Allison 90.7.
B4-401
Grace Hanrahan 92.1; Arlene Merne 92; Philomena Perri 91.
B5-108
Mary Ann DeVivo 91.
B6-203
Madeline Gwozd 90.1.

C1-213
Phyllis Savino 94.0; Maria Santora 93.3; Patricia Laita 92.3; Maria Lupoli 92.3; Geraldine Collins 91.3; Donna Bertucci 91.2; Lenora Herrmann 90.7; Diana Szablewicz 90.7; Maryanne Ryniewicz 90.3; Josephine Ingrisano 90.3; Barbara Schweg 90.
C3-110
Lauren Roman 94; Margaret Craig 92; Phyllis Elustondo 91; Joyce Terlizzi 90; Evangeline Rojas 90.
C4-305
Lucille Burke 96; Alice Voltaggio 95.2; Jo-Anne Gill 93.3; Irene Buszko 91.2; Anna Liberatore 90.8; Melanie Iannuzzi 90.1; Patricia Truffelli 90.
C5-312
Sandra Libardi 91; Joan La Manna 90.
C6-OP
Janice Rice 93; Dorothy Maher 92; Arlene Stefani 91; Ruth Short 90.
C7-211
Mildred Gaylord 96; Gail Porcero 92; Katherine Ernst 91; Mary Madden 90.
C8-102
Faye De Santo 96; Maria Foffe 95.1; Marie Grillo 94; Antoinette Favicchio 92; Lorraine Cammarata 90.
C10-319
Lillian Beierle 94; Rosemarie Barbuto 93; Lucill Cardascia 93; Arlene Cedilnik 91; Lorraine Murray 91.
C11-309
Mary McGrahe 94; Constance Cozza 93; Joan Schusterlitz 92; Roberta Monteverdi 90.4; Jo Ann McDonnell 90.3.
C12-104
Mary Ann Gerve 93; Herlinda Santullano 92; Wanda Adamiak 91; Alice Czabkowski 90; Carol Velsor 90; Regina Leeds 90; Kathryn Dallas 90; Virginia Curry 90; Christine Wysocki 90.
D1-208
Veronica McDonald 93; Gerola Aloisi 92; Louise Durano 92; Linda Di Benedetto 91.3; Justine De Vito 91; Michele Wolf 91.
D2-101
Rose Whitney 93; Mary Ann Woesthoff 92; Joan Ziegfried 90.8; Ann McCauley 90.2.
D3-315
Diane Burell 98; Frances Carlson 95; Dolores Martin 94; Dolores Cegla 94; Eileen Voge 94; Jo Ann Manzelli 93; Suzanne Henry 92; Ann Bilello 92; Yolanda Cappiello 92; Eileen Farren 92; Diane Bogdanowicz 92; Ruth Moran 92; Florence Ward 91; Judy Olsen 91; Mary Mahnen 90; Linda Sharra 90; Joanne Fioccola 90.
D5-HR
Helena Pycior 95; Joan Gray 93; Maria Celocruz 92; Barbara Pankalla 91; Christine Spenjenkowski 90.5.
D6-105
Carole Lopacke 94; Antoinette Kazmierczak 93; Cynthia Raha 92.2; Monique Le Bras 92; Michele Du Bois 90; Beatrice Insand 90; Margaret Hans 90.
D7-317
Mary Ann Gomes 96; Jeanne Muro 93; Ann Juliano 92.1; Patricia McNeil 92.1; Frances Piscopo 91.3; Maureen Williams 91.3; Mary Ann Palumbo 90.4; Kathleen Florio 90.2; Maureen Mulligan 90.1.
D8-205
Jeanette Scardino 91.6.
D9-303
Dorothy McMahon 94; Michaela Michalak 93.4; Barbara Mestynach 93; Eileen Lonergan 92.7; Faith Farcas 90.3; Lorraine Murphy 90.2.
D10-202
Janet Rossi 94.3; Anne Madden 92.3; Anita D'Amica 90; Catherine Colgan 90.
D11-112
Concetta De Paolo 94; Mary Ellen Diffley 90; Barbara Malina 90; Mary Jane Belfiore 90.
D12-301
Lois Matejka 96; Thailia Edwards 91; Diane Romeo 91; Ellen Palerno 90.
D13-207
Laura Genovese 95.1; Madeline Marano 94.1; Denise Zorovich 92.8; Diane Peshler 92.3; Filomena Antonello 90.6; Phyllis Keenan 90.1; Gloria Filitis 90.
D14-313
Keitha Landy 93; Barbara Curtin 92.6; Ann Mendrala 92.2; Mary Gehringer 91; Lucille Sorrentino 90.4; Ellen Njewadomski 93.2.
D15-311
Bernadette Paul 94.5; Kathleen Kavanaugh 93.8; Barbara Sullivan 93.7; Lillian Schifflitti 92; Rose Appice 91; Esther Calabro 91; Marianne La Rocca 91; Maureen Radigan 91; Croyline Stico 91; Frances Albertelli 90.6; Kathleen Martin 90.1; Kathleen Tagliaferro 90.

Clubs Satisfy Every Interest; Each Provide Christmas Cheer

In preparation for the holiday season, many of Bishop's clubs are planning programs to spark the interest of their members in the Christmas festivities.

Spanish Club

Under the guidance of Sister Frances Cabrini, the Spanish Club holds its meetings in room 319 on the second Tuesday of each month. President Janet Scardino and vice-president Ampara Forero are preparing the annual Christmas program Dia de Reyes, a dramatization of the arrival of the Three Wise Men into Bethlehem. In Spanish-speaking countries, children receive gifts on Three Kings' Day instead of at Christmas.

Sculpture Club

Clay, plaster, and copper are a few items when transformed by Bishop's sculptors become pieces of Christmas joy. The Sculpture Club's main contribution to the Christmas season is the cribs created by the members. The club holds its meetings every Monday under the direction of Sister Lucia. The present officers are: President, Barbara Franz; treasurers, Diane Romeo and Phyllis Keenan; and party leader, Barbara Carey.

German Club

Edelweissgesellschaft (the German Club) under the direction of Sister Maria Carmel and Sister Miriamette meets every second Tuesday of every month in room 312. The president, Barbara Pankalla and the vice-president, Joan Gray are planning a Christmas play in German. After "das Spiel" the members of the Club will see a movie entitled "Christmas in Germany."

Seniors Plan Class Dance; Set Date For February 16

One of the most significant social affairs which highlights the senior year is the Annual Senior Dance which is scheduled for February 16, 1964. Under the direction of Sister Catherine Bernadette, the dance will be held in the school cafeteria.

The theme for the dance will be chosen within the next month and the juniors will serve as hostesses for the seniors and their escorts. The orchestra and other necessary preparations will be taken care of by the Dance Committee.



Mr. Milella congratulates J. De Vito upon receiving her school letter

Seniors Receive 'School Letters'

The senior members of the Bishop McDonnell High School Orchestra, under the direction of Sister Mary Hilary and Mr. Milella, received letters from the principal, Father Fitzpatrick, Tuesday December 1 at 3:30 P.M. in the orchestra room.

The following seniors have attained school letters: Victoria Wright, D1-208, Justine De Vito, D1-208, Mary Ann Kuitawaska, D3-315, Linda Di Benedetto, D4-208, Luane Clark, D5-HR, Augusta Gullo, D5-HR, Rosemary O'Donnell, D6-105, Lorena Gonzales D7-313, Ann Juliano, D7-317, Carol Ann Terlecki, D9-303, Patricia Shea, D9-303, Claire Drake, D10-202, Catherine Herlihy, D14-313, Eileen Murray, D14-313, Rose Appice, D15-311, Marie Charney, D16d-112, Constance Bryant, D16d-112, Kathleen Martin, D16d-311.

Program Offers Cultural Works

During the next few weeks on specified days "The Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts" will continue to sponsor a student program in our school. The program began November 27 with selections by Earl Carlyss, violinist, accompanied by Margaret Bachman, and the Metropolitan Opera's performance of Mozart's Comic Opera, "That's the Way They Are."

Wednesday, December 18, Jeffrey Siegal, a noted pianist from the Julliard School of Music will perform. After the Christmas holidays, January 8, the series will conclude with a Woodwind Ensemble from the Julliard School of Music. The Music Department hopes to broadcast these productions over the public address system for those students who will remain in their classrooms.

